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### **LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ISSUED CIVIL PENALTIES AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING**

**Olympia** – Vice-Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Susan Brady, found 79 elected and 7 appointed officials in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Thursday in Olympia.

Elected officials and certain state appointed officials are required under state law to file an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15<sup>th</sup> reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

“Voters take this law very seriously and expect elected officials to take it seriously as well,” Brady said. “Regardless of whether the elected position has a salary or is considered voluntary, public officials must disclose their financial affairs.”

The governmental officials who were issued a civil penalty had previously been sent two letters asking them to comply with the reporting requirements. A letter reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent on May 7, 2003 and letter with an opportunity to pay a \$100 fine and forego an enforcement hearing was sent on May 23, 2003.

Officials found in violation at the hearing may appeal the decision to the full, five-member Commission for review of the action taken by the Vice-Chair.

Government officials from the King County Region of Washington who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing were:

**Mark Thompson**, Commissioner for the King Fire Protection District #39, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**David Lutz**, Commissioner for King County Water District #49, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Stuart Lisk**, Council Member for the City of Carnation, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Joan Young**, Commissioner for King County Public Hospital District #4, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$100 for a first violation.

**Richard Short**, School Director for Granite Falls School District #332, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$400 due to past violations.

**William Goggins**, Council Member for Houghton Community Muni Corporation, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Kathleen McMonigal**, Council Member for Houghton Community Muni Corporation, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$400 due to past violations.

**Leigh Readdy**, Commissioner for Finn Hill Park and Recreation District, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Edwin Sterner**, Council Member for the City of Lake Forest Park, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$400 due to past violations.

**WF Stevlingson**, Commissioner for Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$300 due to past violations.

**Milton Fearn**, Member of the Seattle Parks and Recreation Commission, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$500 due to past violations.

**David Moore-Reeploeg**, Student Representative on the University of Washington Board of Regents, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$100 for a first violation.

**Robert Wacker**, Judge for King County District Court – Shoreline, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**William Ameling**, Commissioner for Vashon-Maury Park and Recreation District, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Joseph Bogaard**, Commissioner for King County Water District #19, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$200 due to past violations.

**Gregory Nelson**, Fire Commissioner for the King Fire Protection District #20, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$500 due to past violations.

Civil penalties were determined using a standard process that increases depending upon circumstances such as past violations or if reports are filed at the time of the enforcement hearing.

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